fingers; and I could do nothing. Only a thunderstroke could save us. I had, therefore, to fight it out; and day by day, by this or that fatality, our chances were becoming more slender!

20th, on the road to Weissenfels:

A dispatch must be sent to the Duke of Valmy, who will send a semaphore message stating that after much fighting, of which the honour remains with us, I am marching on the Saale; that the Emperor is in good health.

23d, Erfurt:

Order for General Sebastiani to start. He is to push back the Cossacks and reestablish communications with Erfurt.

It seems to me highly improper that in the address of the Municipal body of Paris to the Empress the conduct of Maria Theresa should have been recalled: it shows lack of tact.

25th, Gotha:

I shall proceed to Mainz, and concentrate the army on the frontier. The treachery of Bavaria, which is as inconceivable as it was unexpected, has upset all my plans, and compels me to bring the war nearer to our frontiers.

I am writing to the Minister of War on the subject of a levy of 80,000 to 100,000 men which I need. With the •whole of Europe under arms, when everywhere married as well as unmarried men are being raised and everybody is in arms against us, France is lost unless she does the same.